(b) whether Government project the results of the scientific experiments under the law relating to patents; and

(c) if so, how many patents have been secured up to 1st Jan. 1993 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Establishment of advanced centre for resistance breeding of crop plants at Dharwad in Karnataka

1344. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Registrar of University of Agriculture Sciences, Dharwar (Karnataka) had submitted two years back a proposal to the Department of Bio-technology, for the establishment of Advanced Centre for Resistance Breeding of Crop Plants, with an outlay of Rs. 87.65 lakhs;

(b) whether it is also a fact, that the Department of Bio-technology is still to take a decision on the proposal; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take for early sanction of the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) Yes sir. Registrar University of Agricultural Sciences submitted a proposal entitled "Establishment of Advance Centre for Resistance Breeding of crop plants through Biotechnology" with an estimated outlay of Rs. 368.29 lakhs.

(b) and (c) The proposal was considered by an Export Working Group on Plant Molecular Biology and Agricultural Biotechnology of the Department of Biotechnology on 19-5-92 and the proposal has not been found acceptable for funding from the Department. University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad is being informed accordingly.

12.00 NOON

[**The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair.]

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA (Uttar Pradesh) : I have a point of order... (*Interruptions*) ...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Let us finish this... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : I have a point of order... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Let the papers be laid... (*Interruptions*) ...

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SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : It is about the paper which has to be laid ... (*Interruptions*) ... I have the paper in my hand. The paper has to be laid by Shri Sharad Pawar... (*Interruptions*) ...But he has resigned... (*Interruptions*) ...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Shri Mallikarjun is also a Defence Minister and he is laying it on his behalf... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN (Maharashtra) : Has he written to you ? Has he taken your permission ? Mr. Sharad Pawar resigned.... (*Interruptions*) ...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Please ... (*Interruptions*) ... Mr. Mallikarjun is a Minister in the same Ministry so he is laying it... (*Interruptions*) ...